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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

Description, Pages

1-24 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-14 as originally filed

- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
- 3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
- 4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-14
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-14
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-14
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: EP-A-0 604 798 (AMERICAN CYANAMID COMPANY; BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT) 6 July 1994 (1994-07-06)
- D2: DATABASE CA [Online] CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, US; KUHN, D. G. ET AL: "Cycloalkyl-substituted amidrazones: a novel class of insect control agents" XP002330111 retrieved from STN Database accession no. 1998:294837
- D3: DATABASE CA [Online] CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS SERVICE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, US; FURCH, J. A. ET AL: "Amidrazones: a new class of coleopteran insecticides" XP002330112 retrieved from STN Database accession no. 1998:294826

-Each of the documents D1-D3 discloses the insecticidal and acaricidal activity of compounds of formula (I) and their use for plant protection. The use of said compounds for combatting non-crop pests is not mentioned. The subject-matter of claims 1-14 is therefore new (Article 33(2) PCT).

- The subject-matter of claims 1-14 involves an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT for the following reasons:

The present application solves the problem of providing new non-crop pest control agents, exhibiting broad spectrum activity against non-crop pests.

The experimental data demonstrate that the amidrazone of formula (I) are active against a broad spectrum of non-crop species, namely ants, flies, mosquitos, cockroaches, fleas, ticks and termites. Since N-arylamidrazones tested against crop pests have only average or poor activity against one or two insect or acarid orders (D1) and since specific N-arylamidrazones have been reported as being effective against Coleoptera and/or Lepidoptera depending on the presence and the position of substituents (D2-D3), it could not have been predicted from any of the cited documents or any combination thereof that the amidrazones of formula (I) are effective against a broad spectrum of non-crop pests.

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-The subject-matter of claims 1-14 is considered to be industrially applicable and the present application is therefore considered to satisfy the criterion set forth in Article 33 (4) PCT.